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5 collector cars to put into your garage this week

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Buffalo Wild Wings

Very few road cars can pull off a front wing, but somehow it just works on this unreal 1986 Lamborghini Countach LP5000 QV. No, this wasn't the work of an overly-eager aerodynamicist in Sant'Agata, the front-mounted wing was actually required to make this Lambo road compliant when it was delivered to its first owner by Meadowlands Car Imports of North Bergen, New Jersey in April of 1986.

Today, this Rosso over Champagne Countach remains in fabulous condition, having benefitted from regular servicing during the mere 26,500km it has covered since leaving the factory. While some may prefer the clean lines of the original LP400, we've always admired the LP5000 QV for its extra aggression, and as they say: two wings are better than one!

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Black and Blue

It says a lot about the current state of the hypercar landscape that just 10 years after this 2014 Bugatti Veyron Grand Sport Vitesse left Molsheim, its Jozef Kabaň-styled bodywork and once-ludicrous 1,184 horsepower output now seem rather... ordinary. However, if you ask us, the Veyron's understated looks and legendary status as the first production model to exceed 1000hp are exactly what will forever place in a higher echelon than any of the hybrid or electric hypercars of today.

Only 92 examples of the Grand Sport Vitesse were ever made, and even fewer boast a full exposed carbon exterior like this black and blue beauty. While we could stare at the gorgeous carbon weave for hours, it's the orange and black leather-clad interior that really set off this whole car, adding a much-needed pop of colour to the otherwise stealthy spec of this Bugatti. So, if you want to become your local gas station's favourite customer, why not give this 8.0-litre W16-powered Veyron a spin?

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Money Trees

Call us predictable, but when we see a green Porsche, it lights up a very primal part of our brains with sheer joy. This manual, Forest Green Metallic 1997 Carrera 4S is no exception, and is guaranteed to leave every petrol head you pass green with envy too, provided they don't suffer from colour blindness.

No, the interior isn't tan, but this 993 C4S still has a lot going for it, and we certainly wouldn't be disappointed with its tasteful grey leather cabin and Turbo Twist wheels. While not a garage queen by any means — with just 96,650km currently showing on the odometer — this 911's 3.6-litre air cooled flat six should have plenty of miles ahead of it. Sure you'll pay a small premium for that rare exterior hue, but with the movement to make green great again showing no sign of slowing, this is one investment we're confident you won't regret.

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Is that a Ferrari?

At first glance, you'd be forgiven for thinking this 1973 Fiat 130 was a prancing horse. Between the long and low Pininfarina exterior and its Italian heritage, there really is a lot in common between this elegant Fiat and something like a Ferrari 400i, even if its 165 horsepower V6 wouldn't scare any of Maranello's finest.

Despite its rakish good looks, Fiat's flagship didn't exactly fly out of the showrooms, and when production ended in 1977, just 4,491 examples had been built making it quite a rare sight on the road today. Like the exterior, the interior of the 130 was styled by Paolo Martin, and while this Fiat's cabin could use some TLC, the bodywork still presents in excellent condition. So, if you've got a with just a little bit of work you could have one of the best looking grand tourers ever made.

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Quattro Jr.

Despite never quite escaping the original Quattro's shadow, we've always had a soft spot for its successor, the Audi S2. However, this is no mere S2, instead it's one of just 40 cars (of which a mere 10 were S2s) that were shipped to renowned Audi-tuner Abt when new for some considerable visual enhancements, transforming it into what is known as the Abt C5.

While Abt's work consisted mainly of a wide body kit, in the early 2000s this S2 was fitted with a tuned 20v engine putting out north of 350 horsepower by famous Audi driver and engineer Anders Carlsson and his tuning-workshop, Ace Competition in Borås, Sweden. In 2017, this car was again sent to Mr. Carlsson by its current owner, where it received uprated brakes, pumps, belts, bushings, mounts and coil-overs. Even better, this lovely S2 was treated to a gearbox overhaul and a fresh lick of paint in its original colour, making it undoubtedly one of the finest remaining C5s in existence!

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